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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A drink, which is ~~characterized in that~~ comprises desalted seawater to which water-soluble mineral components are added ~~to water obtained by desalting seawater~~.
2. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 1, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein said water-soluble mineral components are obtained from seawater.
3. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim ~~1 or 2~~, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein said water-soluble mineral components ~~obtained from seawater~~ are added to water ~~obtained by desalting~~ derived from the same seawater from which said desalted seawater is obtained.
4. (Amended) The drink as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 32~~, which is ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said mineral components ~~obtained from seawater~~ are magnesium and calcium.
5. (Amended) The drink as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~, which is ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the weight ratio of magnesium to calcium (Mg/Ca) is adjusted to 4/1 to 1/3.
6. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 5, ~~for which is characterized in that~~ wherein the weight ratio of magnesium to calcium (Mg/Ca) is adjusted to 3/1.
7. (Amended) The drink as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~, which is ~~characterized in that~~ has a hardness of water ~~measured by the EDTA method is from~~ of 100 to 3,000 as measured by the EDTA method.
8. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 7, ~~which is characterized in that~~ wherein the hardness of water ~~measured by the EDTA method~~ is from 250 or 1,000.
9. (Amended) The drink as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 8~~, which is ~~characterized in that~~ the taste has been adjusted using further comprising sugar or sour flavors for adjusting the taste.
10. (Amended) The drink as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 9~~, which is ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said seawater subjected to desalinization is surface water.
11. (Amended) The drink as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 9~~, which is

~~characterized in that~~wherein said seawater subjected to desalinization is deep water.

12. (Amended) The drinks as claimed in Claim 11, ~~which is characterized in that~~wherein said seawater is deep water obtained at a depth greater than 100m.

13. (Amended) The drink as claimed in ~~any one of Claims 11 or 12, which is characterized in that~~wherein said seawater is deep water obtained at a depth of 200 to 500m.

14. (Amended) A method for producing a drink, ~~which is characterized in that~~collectedcomprising the steps of:

collecting seawater;

~~is desalted~~separating the seawater to be separated into water and a concentrate by desalting; and

adding then to said separated water either one of (i) the concentrate or (ii) water-soluble mineral components obtained separately from said concentrate or another seawater concentrate ~~are added to said separated water.~~

15. (Amended) The method for producing a drink as claimed in Claim 14, ~~which is characterized in that~~wherein the ~~collected~~ seawater is deep water obtained at a depth greater than 100m.

Claims 16-22 have been added.